



Market Bulletin

Bob Odom, Commissioner

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Happy New Year!



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An escape from the noise, concrete and high rises is not something you expect to find in a major city, but New Orleans is home to the fifth largest urban park in the nation. And nestled in the center of the 1500-acre park is 33 acres of pure wilderness.

Peace & Quiet in the CITY

Few major metropolitan areas can boast a park the size and stature of New Orleans City Park.

With more than 1500 acres, City Park is the fifth largest urban park in the country and includes wide open spaces along with a football stadium, four golf courses, a driving range, an Olympic track, a softball center, nine multi-use soccer fields, a world-class municipal tennis facility, inner-city fishing in 11 miles of man-made lagoons and a 13-acre equestrian area.

But deep in the center of the park is a pristine wilderness where no ball, uniform or athletic ability is needed.

The Couturie Forest, a 33-acre stand of mature mixed hardwoods fronting Harrison Avenue, is a natural refuge where many a frazzled and weary urbanite go to commune with nature, catch their breath or perhaps reconnect with their ancestral rural roots.

Tom Campbell, Urban Forestry Program Director of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, put it a little more simply. "It's a place that gives city folks an opportunity to be in the woods."

It wasn't always that way.

Years after the initial planting of the oaks in 1930 that today form the foundation of

the Couturie Forest, the area had evolved into an ugly, illegal dump.

The woodland suffered through 60 years of neglect until Campbell got a \$5000 grant from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and began to plan improvements to the urban forest.

Although bird watchers, fishers and hikers had worn numerous paths through the area, Campbell designed a trail and arranged for the National Guard to build the one-mile loop. The Arboretum Trail takes visitors on a path curling alongside the lagoon banks, past a small amphitheatre, to an observation deck overlooking

the water.

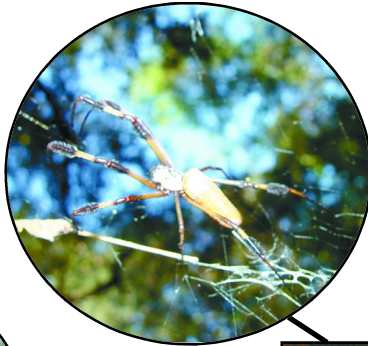
From there, the trail, which is clearly lined with railroad ties, leads the hiker into the heart of the woods to the highest hill in the metropolitan area, the LaBorde Lookout.

"The hill is 53 feet tall," Campbell said. "What's interesting is that this rise was created from the construction rip-rap of the I-610 loop."

Campbell said all of the trees and plant life on the hill are volunteers. He pointed to a cabbage palmetto, a tropical looking

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Tom Campbell of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry stands at the trailhead of the Couturie Forest. He designed the trail (top left). Kiosks throughout the arboretum provide woodlands education. Many species of animal and plant life coexist with the concrete jungle of New Orleans.



New Orleans City Park Timeline

1699 Bienville uses Indian trail to reach site of future city of New Orleans.

1718 City of New Orleans founded. Francois Henry receives property in land grant from France.

1770-89 Santiago Loreins leaves property to his daughter and son-in-law, Jean Louis Allard.

1845 John McDonogh purchases property at sheriff's auction.

1850 McDonogh dies and leaves estate to city of New Orleans and Baltimore, Maryland.

1854 4th District Court pronounces the property a public park.

1890 Dueling in the park outlawed.

1891 City Park Improvement Association is founded.

1897 Mule-driven carousel is first operated.

1898 First operation of miniature train.

1902 Original golf course is constructed.

1905 City Park racetrack opens (closed 1908).

1910 International Aviators use racetrack for air-field. Famed aviator John Moisant, for whom New Orleans International Airport was once named, crashes and is killed.

1911 December 16, the Isaac Delgado Museum of Art is dedicated, renamed in 1971 "New Orleans Museum of Art."

1915 May 26, La. Civil War General P.G.T. Beauregard Statue erected.

1917 Popp Bandstand is constructed and dedicated on July 4.

1924 Irby swimming pool is built.

1927 900-acre extension of the park.

1928 First tennis courts were built. John Phillip Sousa performs at bandstand.

1937 April 29, President Franklin D. Roosevelt visits park to dedicate Roosevelt Mall and other WPA projects including City Park Stadium (renamed Tad Gormley in 1965).

1938 First New Orleans Open, the city's PGA event, is held (last played in City Park in 1962).

1944 Bob Hope performs in stadium.

1946 First City Park Big Bass Fishing Rodeo.

1959 Roy Rogers and Trigger appear in stadium.

1964 September 16, the Beatles perform in stadium.

1984 First "A Tribute to the Christmas Tree" event held (later renamed Celebration In The Oaks).

1989 Carousel placed on National Register of Historic Places. Restoration of the Peristyle by Friends of City Park.

1992 Tad Gormley Stadium remodeled to host U. S. Olympic Track & Field Trials.

2000 Couturie Forest Nature Trail and Arboretum project completed. Natural turf system installed in Tad Gormley. Tiger Woods provides clinic for city's youth at Bayou Oaks.

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plant.

"This cabbage palmetto is definitely a volunteer. They grow mainly along the gulf coastal areas," Campbell said.

Perhaps with a hint of admiration for the hardy palmetto, Campbell opined, "This particular one may be the only one at this high an elevation in its natural range."



Over the last 30 years, volunteer trees, including Chinese elms, camphors and catalpas, have established themselves in the City Park woods.

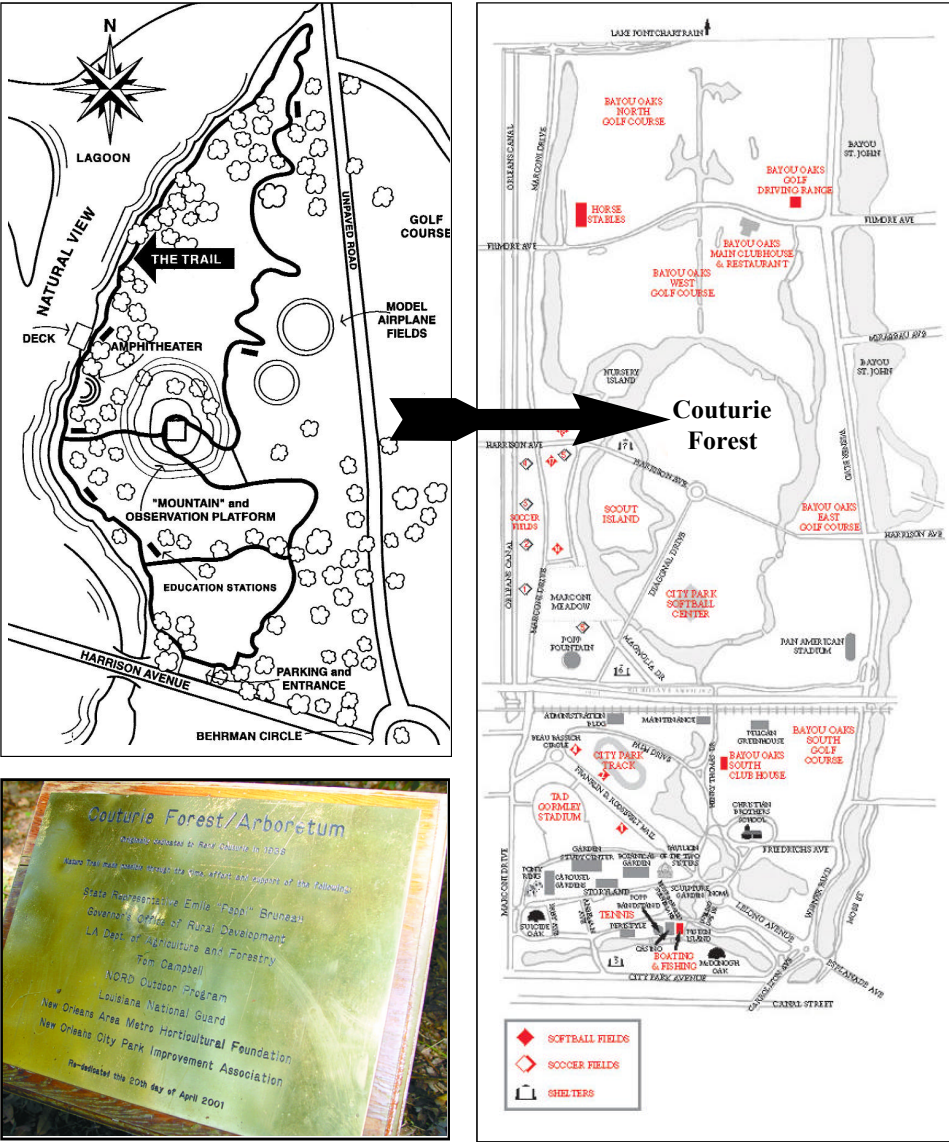
In addition to the volunteers, Campbell said there are two other distinct generations of trees in the Couturie Forest. "The big live oaks, nutalls and water oaks you see were planted more than 70 years ago. They form the backbone of the trail and forest. Rene Couturie gave the money for the initial planting."

Another 20 species have been planted in the last five years, providing purpose for a different type of volunteer.

"The forest park offers an opportunity for a group to do an environmental project," Campbell said. "A lot of the new plantings were done through volunteer civic and business group labor."

Local schools, organizations like the Boy Scouts and large corporations such as the Marriott hotel chain have been invaluable in providing labor for the upkeep and evolution of the Couturie Forest.

"It's important for folks to have an opportunity to do volunteer work," Campbell said. "It gives them ownership. Inner-city kids get out here and they think they're in



Maps pinpoint the exact location of the Couturie Forest in the center of New Orleans City Park (above). A brass plaque commemorates the arboretum's dedication in 2000. A biker takes a leisurely ride along the one-mile, multi-use pathway through the 33-acre patch of hardwoods deep in the heart of City Park (left). Urban Forestry Program Director Tom Campbell lectures to a group of state foresters on a deck overlooking the Westside lagoon (bottom left). The lagoon habitat complements the wooded area provided by the arboretum.

the deep woods. This is the closest thing they have to the woods. It's extremely important for them to have a spot like this."

The forest also provides a habitat for more than 100 species of songbirds, ducks, waders, hoot owls, white and brown pelicans and feral chickens that is not available anywhere else in the city.

"The habitat is unique in City Park and New Orleans," he said. "The underbrush created in the woods is essential for songbird populations."

But because the Couturie Forest sits isolated like an island in the center of New Orleans, there are no mammals such as rabbits, foxes or squirrels in the woods.

Although City Park is a state agency under the aegis of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the City Park Improvement Association controls the park and forest. It receives no state or municipal tax support. All of the operating capital is self-generated from the golf courses and other pay facilities.

"I think the big oaks are the backbone of City Park, but they don't make money, so it causes chronic underfunding for the forest," Campbell said.

But Campbell is patient.

"We're designing a place where volunteer groups can help it," he said. "We'll keep the woods usable."



Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

For many Louisiana farmers 2003 has been a banner year in the fields according to recent statistics released by the USDA's Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service.

"Record yields are expected for cotton, rice and soybeans," Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom said. "We had an excellent growing season and the weather during harvest this fall has been near perfect.

"We are having some of the best prices in decades for many of our crops, particularly cotton and soybeans. Things are looking up for a lot of people and I think even better days are ahead for Louisiana agriculture."

Cotton producers are expected to end the year with the highest yield

on record — 895 pounds per acre. Production is forecast at 970,000 bales, an increase of 31 percent from 2002. U.S. production totals are estimated to increase 8 percent from last year.

Rice yield is expected to reach 5,800 pounds per acre, which would break the state record of 5,500 pounds per acre set last year. Rice production, estimated at 25.8 million hundredweight, is down 12 percent from last year. The decrease in production can be attributed to a reduction in harvested acreage of nearly 100,000 acres. Total U.S. rice production is expected to be down 6 percent from 2002.

Soybean yield is expected to be 34 bushels per acre, exceeding the record 33 bushels per acre set in

2001. Production is forecast to total 24.8 million bushels, an increase of 18 percent from last year. U.S. production is forecast to fall 11 percent below production totals for 2002.

A number of factors both domestically and overseas have caused a big jump in prices for Louisiana's major crops. Cotton prices are in the 72-cents-a-pound range compared to 45-cents-a-pound this time last year. Soybeans are at \$7.75 a bushel currently compared to \$5.60 a bushel a year ago.

Rice has more than doubled in price in the last year, from \$3.60 a hundred pounds last year to \$7.80 per hundred pounds recently. Corn has also strengthened from around \$2.10 a bushel in recent years to near \$2.50 a bushel.

Sugarcane yield is expected to be 30 net tons per acre, a slight increase from last year. Cane production is estimated at 14.7 million net tons, up 5 percent from 2002. U.S. production is forecast to increase 1 percent from last year.

Corn yield is expected to increase nearly 10 percent from 122 bushels per acre last year to 135 bushels per acre in 2003. Corn production is forecast at 67.5 million bushels, a 1 percent decrease from last year. Corn production is estimated to decrease because of a 60,000-acre reduction in harvested acreage. U.S. production is expected to increase 14 percent from last year.

Sorghum yield is expected to reach 85 bushels per acre, an increase of 5 percent from last year.

Production is estimated at 14 million bushels, also an increase of 5 percent from 2002. U.S. production is estimated to increase 8 percent.

"The numbers looks promising and I don't expect to see much change when we get final reports after the start of the new year," Odom said. "There's still some sugar that we need to get in and hopefully the weather over the holidays won't keep the farmers out of the field. We've also got strawberries and peaches for next year that are susceptible to freeze damage that we'll be keeping an eye on in coming months.

"Overall, I'd say 2003 was a good year for Louisiana agriculture and we've got some momentum going into 2004."

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

Reg. Char. bulls, 3-5 yrs., \$1600/1. Darren McManus, Montgomery; (318) 646-3479 or (318) 646-2108.

(4) Brangus bulls, 3 yrs., \$1500/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Reg. Red Angus bulls, Heaven Sake bloodline, 1 yr., \$1000. Wil Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 235-7932 or (337) 654-4498.

(1) Blk. Gelbray bull calf, (2) Charbray bull calves, \$500/1. Garry Lavergne, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5888.

Char. Angus bull, 50/50 smoky colored, 6 yrs., good breeder, approx. 1800 lbs., \$800. Milburn Noel, Arnaudville; (337) 945-6015.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmysdad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmysdad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, \$1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls, prs., \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(6) Brangus heifers, premium blk. gold, bred 7 mos. to Brangus, dewormed, vaccinated, \$940/1. John Mailhes, Keithville; (318) 925-0898.

(2) Reg. Angus bulls, EXT sons, pasture cond., performance bred, (1) coming 3 yrs. in Jan., (1) com-

ing 2 yrs. in Feb., EPD's avail., \$2500 & \$1600. Mark LeJeune, Elton; (337) 526-3520 or (337) 584-2912.

(13) Gentle reg. gray Brahman cows, JD Hudgins, V8 & JJ bloodlines, bred to reg. Granite Hills Hereford bull, \$1900/1, you pick or \$1500/1 if all taken; reg. Granite Hills horned Hereford bull, born 11/27/98, \$2750. Paul Miller Lacassine; (337) 588-4362.

(3) Hereford bulls, 3 yrs., pasture ready, \$1150/1. Charles Middlebrooks, Sr., Bunkie; (318) 346-2781.

Reg. Char., 33 yrs. of Char. breeding, bloodlines, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet & Sky, Mo Ease, weaned bulls, breeding age heifers, cow & calf prs. & 3/N/1's, cert. herd, \$750/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Sr., Marksville; (318) 253-8300.

Reg. horned & polled Hereford bulls, 2 yrs., excel. bloodlines & EPD's, well built, thick & deep, ready for service, semen tested, Bogalusa area, \$1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, excel. EPD's, 7-9 mos., \$650/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush; (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington; (985) 871-0317.

Reg. Brahman bull, coming 3 yrs., out of JDH Bryan Manso 270, excel. F1 calves to show, \$3000 or trade for cattle of equal value. Barbara Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

(7) F1 heifers, 8-14 mos., out of reg. Brahman cows, (1) out of reg. Angus bull, (6) out of reg. horned Hereford bull, \$650/1. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

(2) Simm. bulls, polled, pb, blk., wh.-faced, 6 frame, performance proven genetics, cert. brucellosis free herd, 28 mos., calves to show \$1500; 20 mos., \$1200. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

Reg. Salers bulls, 6 mos. & up, red & blk., great for heifers, great for herd, \$1000/1-up. Dave & Kelly Hudspeth, Jena; (318) 339-9643 or (318) 992-8432.

Reg. Brangus bulls, breeding age, \$975/1-up, Brangus cows & heifers. Chip Durand, St. Martinville; (337) 394-4008.

(13) Reg. blk. Angus heifers, bred, \$950/1 or \$925/1 if all taken.

Gerald Donald, DeRidder; (337) 462-2117.

Coastal raised for coastal trade, polled Hereford bulls, some from horned embryo transplant dams, all from top EPD lines, a few w/no reg. cert., 6 mos.-3 yrs., \$400-\$1500/1, no Sunday trades. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

Reg. Red Angus bulls, 12-14 mos., all AI top bloodline bulls, \$1000. Jim Ortego, Carencro; (337) 278-1183 or (337) 896-7551.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, Grand Cherokee & Spartacus bloodlines, \$850/1; (12) Beefmaster Angus heifers, \$650/1 or \$600/1 if all taken. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

(17) Large reg. Angus bulls, 2 yrs., most are AI sired & ready for service, \$1450/1-up; reg. heifers, \$900/1-up. LaMar DePhillips, Husser; (985) 748-7298.

(20) Pb Angus & Char. calves on feed, all shots, for breeding or slaughter, 400 lbs. & up, \$1/lb., at farm. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

6 Yr. reg. Char. bull, good EPD's, gentle, no bad habits, \$1000. Rose Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

Reg. Angus bulls, 20 mos., good EPD's & LBW, \$1350/1. Faron Miley, Loranger; (985) 878-2498.

(14) Reg. polled Hereford bulls, 14-20 mos., 1100-1400 lbs., very gentle, LBW, high yearly weights, trait leaders & national bloodlines, \$1000/1. Wesley Coffman, Leesville; (337) 239-2255.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 8 mos., \$550. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

Reg. red & blk. Limousin bulls, AI by trait leading sires, heavy muscled, \$1200/1-up. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

Reg. pb polled Santa Gertrudis bull, w/papers, 2 1/2 yrs., state fair reserve grand champ., calves on ground, \$1800. Andrew Richard, Sugartown; (337) 328-8192.

(1) Reg. Char. bull, born 10/12/01, fertility tested, all shots, \$1500; (1) reg. blk. Angus bull, son of El Tigre, born 12/9/01, fertility tested, all shots, \$1500 or both for \$2800. Harry Comeaux,

Arnaudville; (337) 662-3270.

Reg. 3/8 x 5/8 Braford bulls, 2 yrs., very gentle, good disp., good conform. & color, \$1500. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

(2) Pb Beefmaster bulls, not on feed, \$550. Stanford Dominique, Duson; (337) 873-8717.

Reg. Brahman bull, 8 yrs., very gentle, was 4-H bull, calves to show, \$1500. Kevin LeBlanc, Abbeville; (337) 898-1385.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 4 yrs. on 12/21/03, excel. bloodline & EPD's, ready for heavy service, \$1800. Kelly Stanford, Ville Platte; (337) 885-2010.

BBU reg. Beefmaster bulls, 18 mos., red, excel. cond., \$750; 12 mos., \$500. Waldo Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 235-4587 or (337) 332-3531.

F-1 Braford V8 & P & K bloodlines, 18 mos., swamp raised, semen tested, 12/2/03, \$1100. Donald Juneau, Bordelonville; (318) 997-2408.

(15) Heifers, coming 2 yrs. in Feb. & March, can be Golden cert., Hereford x Brahman exposed to bull, \$16,500; (16) heifers, F-1's, can be Golden cert., Hereford x Brahman, \$10,500. Freddy Gaumnitz, Tallulah; (318) 348-6657.

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1995 AQHA chestnut geld., 15.3 hands, 1100 lbs., star, strip & snip, stockings on hind legs, \$1200. Christine Darda, Lafitte; (504) 329-7636.

AQHA 21 mo. pal. geld., (3) wh. stockings, w/blaze, flashy, heavy muscle, \$2000. David Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

1994 APHA tobiano stallion, good disp., easy going, all shots, 14.5 hands, sorrel & white, (1) blue eye, \$2000. Oneil Leblanc, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5989.

(2) AQHA reg. fillies, (1) yrlg., (1) wean., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Sonny Dee Bar bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. A. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

(2) Blk. mules, 15+ hands, w/all harnesses & big covered wagon, equipped for week-long rides, \$6000/all. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. App. geld., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, also mare mule, 14.2 hands, \$1000/1 nego. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Weans. & Yrlgs., Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500/1-up. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

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2000 Green broke lineaback dun geld., w/tiger stripes & 2 rear white socks, very flashy, approx. 15 hands, train to your liking, \$1200. Kevin Simpson, Prairieville; (225) 673-4382.

18 Yr. geld., gentle for children or inexperienced rider, has been used to work cattle, \$1500. Paul Reed, Sulphur; (337) 527-0372.

Reg. TW mare, 14.3-15 hands, blk. w/(1) white sock, 3 ½ yrs., very well gaited, open for breeding, \$1200 others avail. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

Spotted saddle horse, geld., 14 hands, grullo/wh., 3 yrs., very well gaited, started on trails in woods, \$1000 firm; 8 mos. chestnut/wh. SSH stud colt, \$700 others avail. B. Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

Gray Ima Cool Skip stallion, halter type that rides, throws color, \$6500; gray filly, out of Ima Cook Skip stallion, gentle & halter broke, \$800, broodmares avail. Gayle Jarrell, Pine Grove; (225) 777-4494.

Paint filly, sorrel & wh., halter broke, loads easy in trailer, very gentle, \$400. Junior Savoy, Abbeville; (337) 652-6359.

QH pal. geld., 7 yrs., w/(4) wh. stockings & blaze face, flashy, runs barrels & pole, works cows, very gentle, \$3000. Glen Laviolette, Rayne; (800) 423-6952 or (337) 334-5716.

6 Yr. reg. mare, Cactus Ben bred, very nice, to foal in March, gentle & rides, \$2500. Keith Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7101.

1999 AQHA gray geld., Docs Dudha x Go Man Go grandson, good handle, started roping, \$3500; '99 AQHA bay geld., ranch horse, very gentle, \$3000. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

APHA colt, 2 yrs., off of 2-time reserve champ roping horse, 90% wh., extra gentle, \$1500. J. W. Coley, West Monroe; (318) 397-4534.

AQHA bay mare, in foal to muscular reg. red roan App. stallion, mare dbl. bred King bloodlines, very gentle, mare & foal, \$1250. Kaitlin Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

1996 Gray AQHA geld., 50 AQHA points, showmanship, pleasure, trail, WR, horsemanship, English, Dixie national winner, \$12,500. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

Reg. App. geld., 5 yrs., 15.2 hands, red roan Leopard, Sunny's Flashy Goer, Goer's Sunny Plaudit, R. Fancy Free, 30 days training, rides, trims, loads, good trail horse, wants to please, \$1500 obo. Margie Calderone, Bush; (985) 516-6100.

2002 AQHA Snorty Lena filly, \$2250; '02 Snorty Lena colt, \$1500; '01 Dulces Peppy filly, \$1750; Sonita's Last & Tenino San granddaughter, \$2750. Charles Champagne, Cut Off; (985) 632-3389.

Golden pal. yrlg., son of Little Lido (LTE \$39,000) out of daughter of Freckles San Man, \$3000 or trade for stocker calves. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux; www.williams-cutting-horses.com, (985) 446-0708.

1999 AQHA mare, beautiful, heavily muscled, sound, started on barrels, super handle, \$2500. Lisa

Topham, Patterson; (985) 399-6879.

APHA blk./wh. tobiano mare, 7 yrs., trail rides, started Pat Parelli training, Scenic Jettalito bloodline, \$2800 obo; APHA brown/wh. overo geld., 3 yrs., King & Three Bar bloodline, 30 days training, \$1200 obo. Kathy Matthews, Ethel; (225) 634-1111.

1997 AQHA mare, 86 S. I., 4th in Mardi Gras Futurity, DNA typed, finished rope horse, anyone can ride, well started on barrels, poles & goat tying, \$7500. Dale Meche, Rayne; (337) 334-4471.

TW paint geld., 5 yrs., red/wh., pulls wagon & rides, gentle, good kid's horse, \$1200. Gary Canoe, Bentley; (318) 899-5972.

Reg. App. geld., excel. trail horse, no bad habits, \$1250, will trade for cattle. Jim Garland, Minden; (318) 377-7979.

MFT blue paper, 18 mo. geld., gentle, halter broke, stands for trimming, \$1000. Feliz Brown, Bastrop; (318) 281-9339.

2001 APHA filly, bay, tobiano/overo, w/medicine cap, foaled, 1/29/01, green broke, Broseco Rocket, Cardinal Lady Anna, \$1500. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

AQHA yrlg., Two-Eyed Jack, Colonel Freckles, Hancock breeding, \$750/1-up. Gary Anderson, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0980.

AQHA pal. filly, 7 mos., w/wh. chrome, Doc Ware, Colonel Freckles, \$1300 or trade AQHA blk. mare, w/cutting bloodlines. Robert Munch, Sr., Amite; (985) 748-6165.

POA pony geld., 15 yrs., 48", great all around show pony, timed events & judged events, good second pony, \$2000. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

Reg. miniature mares, fillies, studs, colts & mules, \$450/1-up. Homer Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-3522.

Reg. TW, 2 ½ yr. big blk. mare, extremely gentle, smooth, fast gait, \$2000, others avail. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

QH mare, out of San Pepe bloodlines, out of reg. stock, breeder died before reg. foal, very gentle, make good working horse, \$600. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

2001 AQHA pal. filly, wh. blaze, (4) wh. stockings, not broken, \$1000. Jason Faul, Roanoke; (337) 753-2634.

Reg. TW & racking filly, sorrel, w/star, 6 mos., handled every day, looks great, handles well, leads, loads, trimmed & clipped, \$1500. Darin Burge, Walker; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 353-8138.

7/03 AQHA sorrel colt, Peppy San & Ima Cool Skip/Boston Mac bred, strong, straight, stout colt, both parents avail. for viewing, \$975 obo. Jeanie Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

AMHR mini colt, 6 mo. pal., w/wh. blaze, gentle & loving, \$400 obo; mini horse, larger size, good cart horse or riding children, \$500, deposits are nonrefundable. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

AQHA foundation bred mares, 1, 2 & 15 yrs., buckskin, sorrel & dun, King, Leo, Dry Doc, Puddenhead, Sugar Bars, \$800/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

QH/Arabian mare, 2 yrs., very gentle, anyone can ride, beautiful mane & tail, \$800. Connie Savoy, Church Point, (337) 684-1196.

App. geld., 17 yrs., blanket coat, (1) blue eye, good trail riding horse, \$1000. Chris Savoy, Church Point; (337) 684-1196.

Beautiful pal. TW, 7 yr. geld., 15.2 hands, quick & fun ride, selling tack w/horse, \$2000. Tyler Savoy, Church Point; (337) 654-9076.

AQHA stallion, 3/2/03 dun, foundation breeding, healthy, nice conform., big boned, excel. disp., gentle, halter broke, \$650. Jan Smith, Homer; (318) 258-3406.

3 Yr. blk./wh. tobiano Shetland mare, she is halter broke & loads in trailer, current on all shots, has been saddled & ridden a few times, \$650. Gary Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

Reg. AQHA bay geld., '99, 1150 lbs., 14.3 hands, super gentle, excel. handle, Dry Doc, Waggoner Leo breeding, ropes, pulls, no vices, \$4500. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Reg. AQHA red roan mare, 4 yrs., very gentle, great for trail riding, Leo & King bred, \$2000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

1998 Mustang geld., unbroken, stall kept, fence safe, healthy, pastures well w/cows or other horses, \$200 obo. Dana, Denham Springs; (225) 337-5436.

2002 Mustang colt geld., halter broke, stall kept w/blankets, handle daily, good disp., small, w/make good kid's horse, sorrel w/blk. trim, \$250 obo. D.L., Denham Springs; (225) 337-5436.

1981 Reg. AQHA mare, 14 hands, own daughter of Vittorio, excel. conform., previously used as broodmare & barrel racing, \$800. Nancy Cooper, Longville; (337) 725-3443.

(2) Pr. mules, w/harnesses & wagons, large pr. complete, \$5500; Haflinger pr. complete, \$3000. Buddy Eznack, Ball; (318) 640-0847.

AQHA 3.5 yr. mare, wonderful youth horse, started on cattle & on barrels, neck reins, trailer loads, awesome mare easy to handle, wonderful breaks, great bloodline, \$2000. Patti Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

AQHA chestnut filly, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar, Page Steel, Doc Bar bloodline, outstanding filly w/winning bloodline, \$1800. J. Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

AQHA IF 6 yr. liver chestnut mare, great kid's horse, W. Pleasure pros, easy breeder, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar, Zippo Pine Bar, can be sold w/a breeding to an IF nominated stallion in '04, \$3500 nego. Jim Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

Pr. pal. mules, pull & ride, w/all

harnesses, wagon & trailer, 3000. Donald Meyers, Perry; (337) 898-1572.

18 Yr. bay geld., runs barrels, poles & ropes, easy going, but can really run too, won buckles in these events, excel. kid's horse, \$2500. Kelly Kinney, Sulphur; kelly.kinney@cpsb.org or (337) 583-2912.

Athletic 4 yr. paint mare, started roping calves, has speed, rate & big stop, ranch work for last yr., will make a winner, \$3500. K. Kinney, Sulphur; kelly.kinney@cpsb.org or (337) 583-2912.

3 Yr. Streakin LaJolla bay mare, great mind & disp., athletic, been roped, ranch work, great barrel & roping prospect, \$3000. A. Kinney, Sulphur; kelly.kinney@cpsb.org or (337) 583-4989.

5 Yr. Fast Choice/Easy Jet paint geld., well patterned on barrels & poles, started roping calves, great disp., ranch work, \$6000. C. Kinney, Sulphur; kelly.kinney@cpsb.org or (337) 583-4989.

APHC broodmare, '93 bay roan, w/spots, world champ. granddaughter, Wapiti, Mighty Bright breeding, ½ Thoroughbred, all colored foals, open for early breeding, \$2500. Kathleen Byrd, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8158.

APHC broodmare, '99 roan, w/spots, excel. muscles & conform., w/terrific hip lines, to Wapiti, Mighty Bright & Thoroughbred racehorses, open, \$2300. K. Byrd, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8158.

2003 APHC chestnut colt, w/blanket, sire is world champ. Moon Me, dam is performance bred, excel. potential in show ring & as breeding stallion, \$3000. R.W. Newman, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8158.

Reg. spotted saddle horse mare, 14 yrs., w/saddle, \$1500; TW, \$1000. Robert Chelette, Dry Prong; (318) 899-3720.

1992 Reg. TW, wh. w/long tail & mane, very gentle, no bad habits, kids can ride, 15.1 hands, 1200 lbs., has been ridden in parades & trail rides, \$2800. James or Zeena Bowman, Breaux Bridge; (337) 667-6677.

(2) Reg. Paint weans., sired by Totally Awesome, \$1000/1 or \$1500/both; reg. sorrell QH geld., yrlg., by Zippididoodah, \$2000. Dennis Crain, Winnsboro; (800) 228-8428 or (318) 435-4280

STALLION SERVICE

Homozygous APHA blk./wh. Skip-N-King, homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, reg. mare, \$350; grade mare, \$250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

AQHA gray stallion, SI 101, winner of 14 races, Northwest hipoint, age & stallion, \$500/\$8 mare care. Richard Guidry, Oberlin; (337) 639-2671.

AQHA bay stallion, own son of Streakin La Jolla, ¼ brother to Jess Perry, dams bloodline all blk. type, \$500/\$8 mare care. R. Guidry, Oberlin; (337) 639-2671.

AQHA lineaback red dun, own son of Tanquary Gin, bloodline Poco Lena, Doc O'Lena, Doc Bar, Poco Bueno, top & bottom, \$600. Warren Iguess, Welsh; (337) 734-3672.

Blk. AQHA stallion, 16 hands, 1100 lbs., Ima Cool Skip & Boston Mac bred, \$300/\$5 mare care. Jeannie Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

AQHA Royal Gypsy Lina, "Perlino" stallion, out of North Dakota, he has it all, incredible breeding including: Doc O'Lena, Gay Bar King, King Fritz, will produce color on your solid mares, 100% guaranteed, \$450. Jane Rhodes, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

8 Yr. grandson of Puddenhead, according to AQHA there are only (2) grandsons of Puddenhead stallions remaining, bay, star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeannette Bucklin, Jackson; www.quarter-horse.com, (337) 824-1642.

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Blk./wh. App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

AQHA pal. stud, Sport Model breeding, gorgeous head, produces tanks w/color, come & see his babies, \$500/\$5 mare care. Jane Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

1998 Pal. stallion, Doc Bar bred, 15.3 hands, 90% foundation, 3rd generation dilute gene, produced 100% dilute color for '02, excel. disp. & conform., \$350/\$5 mare care. Mike Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

1995 APHA blk./wh. tobiano/overo, pro trained for W. Pleasure, gorgeous head, w/outstanding disp., \$250/\$5 mare care. Jane West, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

Reg. 3 yr. bay/wh. tobiano, Tinky Sugar Bar, Lady Galliant, Super Speedie bloodlines, ancestors have points in halter, hunter reining, poles, roping & more, gentle, \$300/reg. mares, \$200/grade, \$5/mare care. H. Bertrand, Opelousas; hgbert@bethsouth.net or (337) 207-3217 or (337) 826-4519.

AQHA golden pal. blaze, (4) wh. feet, grandson of Freckles Playboy, Peppy San Badger, \$500/\$8 mare care. Robert Munch, Sr., Amite; (985) 748-6165.

AQHA, FQHA chestnut, Page Steel, Aguila Baron, Chocolate Convoy bloodlines, incentive fund nominated for '02 breeding season, very calm & easy breeder, \$300 LFG. Jim Thompson, Springfield, luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

Barn cats \$20 with first round of shots. Receive a free voucher for rabies shot and neuter/spay procedures. For more information, contact the Denham Springs Animal Control Shelter at (225) 664-4472 or your local animal control facility.

SHEEP & GOATS

Reg. pb Nubian does, \$250/1; 6 mo. bucks, \$100/1. John Wells, Hammond; (985) 345-1166.

Reg. Boer buck, son of '00 national champ., \$1000; (10) reg. 7/8 Boer does, bred to son of Top Brass, to kid in March, \$250/1. Bob Gary, Lake Charles; (337) 477-0551.

Reg. 100% Boer buck, blk. head, \$175; reg. % Boer does, \$125/1; barbecue wethers, \$35/1. Sam Andrus, Eunice; (337) 457-5102.

African Pygmy baby billies, \$50/1. E. Lamar Little, Baton Rouge; (225) 753-1614.

IBGA reg. does, bred to full SA buck, \$200/1-up. Bennie W. Byargeon, Vidalia; (318) 336-5735.

Fb IBGA reg. Boer kids, born 6/3/03 & 6/5/03, (2) billies, correct color & show breeding, \$250/1. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Miniature Nigerian dwarf bottle fed billy kids, \$50/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshund-farm.com or (225) 658-9293.

Nigerian dwarf/African pygmy goat cross doe kid, buckskin, born 10/16/03, sire is NDGA reg., dam is pb pygmy, \$100. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

Border Collie, "Mack" at stud, '02 world champ. cowdog (WC DA ST), sire is 3x USBCHA national champ. & dam is 2x GCSA reserve champ., grandparents are working champs., stud fee, \$375; pups, \$450/1. Mickey Thibodeaux, Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-3886.

Reg. male red heeler, 5 yrs., excel. health, current on shots & heartworm meds, proven stud, must sell, \$100. Linda Cowan, Zachary; (225) 654-5827.

AKC/UKC Choc. Lab pups, (2) males, born 10/15, sire is HR champ., hips & eyes cert., \$500. Jennifer Young, Zachary; 225-445-5012 or 225-654-3264.

CKC Great Pyrenees pups, born 10/8/03, just in time for Christmas, great livestock dogs & pets, parents onpremises, \$250. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

NALC Catahoula pups, off proven working stock, wormed & shots, \$100-\$150. Mona Williams, Denham Springs; (225) 665-8680.

NALC Catahoula pups & started dogs, \$100-\$400, w/guarantee to work. Kelvin Perron, Port Allen; (225) 648-3283.

Border Collie/McNabb pups, working parents on premises, raised w/sheep, cattle & horses, \$150. Jan Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Sarplaninoc guard dogs,

(Yugoslavian mountain dogs) breeding pr., raised w/sheep, cattle & horses, will not tolerate other dogs or prey, \$2000/pr. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

¾ Border Collie, ¼ Australian Shepherd, (2) females, 6 mos., (1) blk., (1) red, crate trained, will make a good farm dog or pet, raised w/other dogs & cats, \$45 obo. Dana Letchworth, Denham Springs; (225) 337-5436.

AKC miniature Dachshund pups, \$300/1-up; CKC Jack Russell terrier pups, \$375; CKC Rat terrier pups, \$200. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshund-farm.com or (225) 658-9293.

SWINE

#1 Hogs, 180-260 lbs., \$99/1-up; feeder pigs, \$35/1-up; hogs, 90-150 lbs., \$67.50/1-up, all grain fed. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Cockatiels, (43) breeding prs., (20) holding for spring pairing, complete w/cages, nest boxes, waters & feed trays, 97% fancies, \$5300/all. Billie Laird, Walker; (225) 664-6157.

Blk. headed caique breeders, flight cage, nest box & feeding bowls, \$950/pr. E. Lamar Little, Baton Rouge; (225) 753-1614.

Gouldian finches, superb stock, many colors, including split blues & blues, \$150/pr. & up; bleeding heart doves, \$425/pr.; green-wing doves, \$200/pr. Garrie Landry, Franklin; (337) 828-5957.

Lots of Lovebirds, peach-faced, mask, violet, \$25-\$55/1; finches, \$8/1; parakeets, \$12; java rice birds, \$20/1; cockatiels, \$35-45/1. Becky LaFleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1625.

Ringneck doves, normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Ringneck doves, proven prs., \$20/1-up; dove cage, 20-compartment, heavy-gauge wire, \$300. J. R. Bernard, Carencro; (337) 896-8619.

English Budgerigars, \$20; male cockatiel, \$35; zebra finch, \$7; nesting boxes, \$3/1-up. Warren Berner, Kenner; (504) 469-7410.

Parrots, breeder prs., Mexican redheads, \$600/pr.; orange wings, \$350/pr. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Indian ringneck parakeets, '03 blue white-head lacewing, \$300/1; '03 & '02 violets, \$1800/1; breeder male Hyacinth macaw, \$6000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

(3) Lovebirds, green w/red head, 8 wks., \$40/1. Ruby Ray, Glenmora; (318) 748-4297.

Diamond doves, blue-wh. tail, cinn.-wh. tail, yellow-wh. tail, yellow, silver-wh. tail, red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up, will ship. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Parakeets, breeders & babies, (15) breeder prs., (55) babies, fancy colors, \$5/1, no checks, yard sale only. Joseph Hains, Jr., New Orleans; (504) 241-6245.

Canaries, from award-winning line, Gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$60/1; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Hf umbrella Cockatoo, very gentle & talking, extra large rolling cage, \$1000/all. Jan Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Wanted: bleeding heart doves, wh. w/red feathers over heart area. Richard Charpentier, Sr., Jennings; (337) 821-0086.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Button Quail, many colors, \$10/pr.; rare colors, \$20/pr. Garrie Landry, Franklin; (337) 828-5957.

Barred Rock range chickens, chicks & fertile eggs, chicks 1-10 wks., \$1/1, plus 25¢ for each week older; fertile eggs, \$2/doz. Keiffer Meyers, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

Super large quail, hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S&H; live birds, 75¢/1-up; \$24/doz. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Pharaoh quail, chicks, 25¢/1; adults, \$1.5-\$2/1; Texas A&M wh., 25¢/1; fertile eggs, 10¢/1; non-fertile eggs, 6¢/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

Chukar, fully mature & flight cond., \$6/1; mallard ducks, babies to mature flyers, \$3.50-\$8.00/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

Ringneck pheasants, flight cond., \$8-\$10/1; bobwhites, flight cond., \$2.5-\$3/1; flying mallards, \$7/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

Bobwhite quail, \$3/1 or \$2.5/1 for 100 or more. James Madere, Hahnville; (985) 783-6367.

Blue orpington bantams, (5) pullets, (2) males, \$50/all. Roger Sadden, Jr., Plaquemine; (225) 659-0103.

Grown guineas, \$7/1; barnyard bantams, \$1.5/1; Kelso hatchlings, game hens & roosters, \$5/1. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

GQF incubator & GQF hatcher, good cond., \$175/1 or \$300/both. Duane Shafer, Hammond; (985) 345-4774.

Buff orpington chickens, (11) hens, (1) rooster, \$5/1. H. P. Monroe, Epps; (318) 926-5340.

Canadian geese, \$60/1. Bobby Guillory, Pine Prairie; (337) 599-2588.

Chukars, \$6/1. Joy Chaney, DeQuincy; (337) 786-3530.

Light brown Leghorn bantams, show quality birds, mature males & females, \$15/1. Bill Strecker, Slidell; (985) 641-8011.

Mallard ducks hatched 9/11/03, \$5/1. Wade Sullivan, Castor; (318) 544-2855.

Wanted: chickens, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese, guinea, turkeys, bantams, etc., within 40 miles of Rayne. Wilber Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

DEER & EXOTICS

Rocky Mt. elk, male or female, 18 mos.-4 yrs., \$1000/1-up. Ivan Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

NZ, Calif., English spot, all mixed breeds, have really good breeding stock & pet stock, \$6/1-up. Sarah Carpenter, Abita Springs, (985) 875-9416.

Complete rabbit raising equipment, cages, waterers & bottoms, \$300. Brent DeRouen, New Iberia; (337) 364-3070 or (337) 236-9245.

Rabbit cages, PVC automatic waterers, w/nipples, metal hanging feeder, \$10/1 hole. Tracey H. Freeman, Bogalusa; (985) 732-5060.

Wanted: rabbits, preferably NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite; (504) 682-0726.

Wanted: pr. reg. Netherland dwarfs, less than 1 yr., St. Tammany Parish only, will pay up to \$35/pr. Sarah Carpenter, Abita Springs; (985) 875-9416.

Wanted: Flemish giant male, 8 mos.-1 yr., for breeding, non pedigreed. Bruce Batiste, Sr., Slidell; (985) 639-9770.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chiquapin, 25¢/1; blk. crappie, 30¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; crappie, 30¢/1; Chiquapin, 25¢/1; catfish, 20¢/1; hybrids, 25¢/1; carp, \$9/1; minnows, \$8/lb. del. avail. Frank Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

8' x 7' x 4' Alum. fish hauling tank, \$900; (2) 5 hp Air Flow aerators, \$500/1; 250' long, 8' deep seine, \$300; (2) holding nets, \$500/both, (1) Y.S.I. oxygen meter, \$150. Donald Solar, Loreauville; (337) 229-6465.

BEES/HONEY

(100) Glass sue bee honey jars, 24 oz., 20¢/1; (75) 48 oz. & 24 oz. plastic jars, 20¢/1. Benny Webb, Denham Springs; (225) 664-9561.

Complete beekeeping operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

Wanted: beekeeping equipment, willing to pickup beehives. Brent DeRouen, New Iberia; (337) 364-3070.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

10 Acres, located 4 miles east of Eunice, \$5000/acre. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; gwyn@beatle-mail.com or (225) 665-4413.

10 Acres, house & barn, fenced & cleared, blk. top frontage, storage buildings, \$190,000 nego. Geri Doyle, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7071.

FARM SERVICES

All types of dirt work, laser leveling, ponds, federal program work, site prep & landfills. Byron Lemoine, Hamburg; (318) 997-2163.

Protect your investment & your friend, freeze branding now avail., ID that is humane & visible year round, \$45. Kim Ballard, Cade; (337) 344-3171.

We buy, sell, train, board horses & give lessons. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

Seven Star stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

We crack pecans, fast friendly service, 30¢/lb. Jennifer Young, Zachary; 225-654-3264 or 225-445-5012.

We build pole hay barns & equip. sheds, catch pens & totally enclosed shops, etc. E. H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

Honeybee & yellow jacket removal, \$175/1-up, willing to travel, Brent DeRouen, New Iberia; (337) 364-3070.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Birdhouse & dipper gourds, cushaw green stripe, reg. green & long green eggplant, 8" long, cayenne pepper, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Birdseye & Peter peppers, long, rd., oblong green & blk. mrkt. eggplants, La. pink tomato, \$1.5/pkt., \$20/oz.; long sweet aconagua lg. pepper, rose of Montana, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

2003 Hot Peter pepper seeds, \$1/100-seed pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash Street, Crowley, LA, 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Wanted: purple sugar cane, 50 miles of Baton Rouge. Elvin Comena, Zachary; (225) 658-9725.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Pecan trees, Sumner, 3 yrs., 10-gal., \$35/1, 9 only; river birch, cypress & Southern magnolia, 3-gal., \$8/1. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 10 varieties, SASE for list, will ship dormant, \$12 S&H included. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Golden rain trees, \$2-\$10/1; yellow datura, \$5/1; native persimmons, \$10/1; celeste, honey dew & green ishia figs, \$5/1-up; sweetheart cl. rose, \$8/1; loquat, \$5/1-up; chinaberry tree, \$5-\$10/1; red fancy bush cherry, \$8/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

3-Gal. river birch trees, single, \$3.25/1; dbl., \$3.5/1; triple trunk, \$3.75/1; 3-gal. live oak, \$4/1; 3-gal. plum loropetalum, \$3.75/1. Cheryl Monk, Oakdale; (318) 335-9364.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also red mulberry, crabapple, Chickasaw plum, Catalpa, native magnolia, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Celeste & brown turkey fig, southern magnolia, Japanese yew, Japanese plum, Chinese fan palm, dwarf pomegranate, \$9/3-gal.; monkey grass, 75¢/3 qt.; amaryllis red, \$2-\$10 by size. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Asian persimmon trees, non-astringent varieties, seruga, fuku kaki, native Virginian, wild, \$10/4-gal. Cynthia Becnel, Belle Chasse; (504) 656-3375.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

New-crop pecans, large halves, \$5.5/lb.; pieces, \$4.5/lb. at place, will mail both, vacuum packed, \$12/lb. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

(200) lbs. Stuart pecans, in shell, 75¢/lb., will ship COD. E. J. Johnson, Bunkie; (318) 346-6789.

HAY & GRAIN

High quality 4x4 rd. bales of Bahia, fert. & kept in barn, \$20/1. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (504) 345-1128.

2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.5/bale, in barn; \$4-\$4.5/bale delivered, but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20 for Bahia; \$30 for Jiggs, del. \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

Homemade cattle feed, 12% protein, bulk, \$4.2/50 lb. bag, by the ton. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

Bahia hay, fert., in barn, rd. bales, \$12/1; sq. bales, \$2.5/1. Verdun Richard, Maurepas; (225) 695-3776.

Alicia Bermuda grass hay, clean, fert. to soil test, sq. bales, \$3.5/1; 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1; cow hay, sq. bales, \$2.5/1; pine wood shavings, 8 cu/ft. compressed bags, \$4.5/1, del. avail. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

Alicia, \$3.25/1; Bahia, \$2.75-\$3/1; wheat straw, \$2.5/1; 5x5 rd. bales, most under shelter, Alicia, Bahia & crab grass, \$18-\$30, loaded, sq. bales you load. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Bahia hay, well fert. & cured w/o rain, 4x5 rd. bales, \$15-\$25/1; sq. bales, \$2.5-\$3/1. Wesley Williamson, Loranger; (985) 878-9072.

Argentina Bahia sq. hay, no weeds, \$2.75/1. Willie Lewis, Montpelier; (225) 777-4880.

Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, weed free, in barn, \$30; Bahia 4x5 bales, horse quality, in barn, \$25/1; outside, \$20/1. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 892-4041.

(150) rd. bales of Bahia hay, fert., last yrs., \$10 & \$12/1; new hay, \$16/1, we load. Ina Laprarie, Deville; (318) 466-5529.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia, 4x5 rd. bales, conditioned, cut & baled, \$20/1. C. M. Duplechien, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

2003 Fall season Bahia hay, excel. quality, well fert. & cured w/o rain, (800) sq. bales, \$2.5/1; (400) 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1 in barn. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

2003 Hay, good & clean, 1000-2000 bales, Alicia 4x5 bales, \$20/1, outside; Bahia, \$20; crab grass, \$15. Cliff Myers, Youngsville; (337) 856-6992 or (337) 654-6599.

4x5 bales, Argentine or Pensacola Bahia, Alicia, common Bermuda, crabgrass & mixed grass, \$18-\$25/1, we load. Bryan Alleman, Rayne; (337) 334-9322 or (337) 278-2586.

4x6 Alicia & Jigs Bermuda, fert., \$20/1; 4x5 bales, \$15/1; sq. bales, \$3.25/1, in barn, \$3.75/1 del. Dean Latiolais, Opelousas; (337) 879-2794 or (337) 945-7442.

2003 Bermuda 4x5 rd. bales, clean & fert., \$20/1. Zan Dupre, Eunice; (318) 457-2716.

Alicia/Bahia/Tifton 44, 4x5 rd. bales, \$18/1, in field; \$28/1, delivery, \$3.75/mls., hauling to location of farm. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bellsouth.net, (318) 576-3389 or (318) 471-9273.

High quality Russell Bermuda hay, fert., no rain, '03 hay, sq. bales, \$3/1. Junior Mitchell, Marthaville; (318) 472-8429.

2003 Mixed grass hay, baled July & Sept., w/o rain, \$16.5/1 or \$15/1 if 100 taken. David McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 831-3746 or (337) 461-2499.

(1500) Large 5x5 rolls, Bahia mixed hay, baled Sept. & Oct. '03, \$20/1, del. avail. Berwick Olivier, Bourg; (985) 594-2740.

Clean fert. Bahia hay, rd. bales, \$15/1. Henry Blount, Jr., Holden; (225) 777-4376.

Bahia sq. bales, \$2.25/1, in barn. Louis Blanchard, St. Amant; (225)

644-2745.

Quality Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, highly fert., weed free, \$3.6/1, in barn. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (504) 446-0234 or (504) 447-6100.

Mixed grass hay, 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1, del. avail. for extra charge. Duane Wilson, Slaughter; (225) 683-3044.

Alicia Bermuda, excel. quality sq. bales, \$3/1; rd. bales, \$15/1, del. avail. Kyle Doucet, Washington; (337) 826-3542.

Jiggs & Bahia, 5x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, fert., hard bales, \$17-\$20, quantity discounts avail. Miles Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-2270.

Bahia hay, sq. bales, cured w/o rain, fert., \$3/1, in barn. Robert Roberts, Tickfaw; (985) 345-3330.

2003 Bahia, sq. bales, in barn, \$3.5/1, del. avail. Melvin Husser, Husser; (985) 748-7958.

Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, in barn, \$3.75; Bahia, in barn, \$2.5; rd. bales, \$20-\$25/1. Joe Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 230-7273.

Bahia hay, 5x5 rd. bales, fert., limed & cured w/o rain, stored in barn, \$20/1. Ernest Rion, Jr., Reeves; (337) 666-2404 or (337) 370-7620.

Kansas Alfalfa hay, horse quality, \$7.5/1 or \$7/1 for (50) or more bales. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

Alicia Bermuda hay, \$2-\$3.5/1, depending on quality, (25) bale minimum. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

2003 Alicia Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$35/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

Alicia & Jiggs Bermuda, fert. to soil test, weed free, sq. bales, \$3.5/1; rd. bales in barn, \$25/1; rd. bales outside, \$20/1, local del. Matt Marceaux, Kaplan; (337) 643-6345.

2003 Bahia 4x4 rolls, \$14/1; sq. bales, \$2.25/1. Gene Gunter, Elmer; (318) 659-4371.

Bahia 5x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, well fert., outside, \$22/1; under barn, \$23. Cary Spencer, Franklinton; (985) 839-2552.

Fert. grass hay, 5x6 rd. bales, \$22.5/1, will load. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

JD 2040 diesel trac., p/s, 8 spd., 41 PTO hp, 1300 hrs., \$6800; Ford 6610 cab trac., 72 PTO hp, 8 spd., good cond., \$7900; JD 1020, 8 spd., diesel trac., \$3400. E. Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

Crustbuster grain drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W&A 8-row hipper w/orthman row markers, excel. cond., \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8", trailer mounted, PTO driven, excel. cond., \$1500. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Ford 7840 SL cab/air trac., w/Woods dual loader, model 255, good cond., \$22,000. Glen Gisclair, Cut Off; (985) 632-5190.

6-Row Chattanooga crop maker cult., \$425; 6-row Barrentine har-

row, 3 pt. hitch, \$200; 6-row Taylorway cult., 3 pt. hitch, w/fenders, \$450; 6-row Glenco cult., w/go wheels, \$450; 110-gal. chemical tank, \$45; 5' pasture cutter, 3 pt. hitch, \$275; 6-row Afco Flame cult., \$250. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-6265.

Ford 3600, 40 hp, runs good, w/5' bush hog & 5' disc, \$4650 obo. Pat Burmaster, Folsom; (985) 796-5123.

41' Rayne Plane land level, good cond., \$4500; 6-yard Eversman dirt mover, good cond., \$4500; (2) 18 x 38 R1 radial tires, 70%, \$300/both. Bradley Meaux, Kaplan; (337) 643-6158.

JD 450-D bulldozer, 6-way blade, winch, root rake, '85 model, good cond., \$16,500. E. Guidry, Iowa; (337) 588-4547.

Hydro drill 2000, 320' drill stem, bits & reamers, used once, \$1475. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

160 hp Perkins engine, off 8900 White combine, runs well, would make excel. stationary engine, \$1400; Mudhog, motor, axle & wheels, \$1200. Randy Stutes, Rayne; (337) 334-5922.

PZ hay cutter, CM 220, 7' 4" cut, excel. shape, used very little, \$2500. Lawrence Fontenot; (337) 666-2798.

6' modern manf. box blade, like new, \$450. Roger Sadden, Plaquemine; (225) 659-0103.

8N Ford trac., 12-volt system, runs & starts well, \$2200. Irving Taylor, Carencro; (337) 896-0194.

Motorized log loader, was running, \$2000. Leo Terracina, Schriever; (985) 493-0972 or (985) 446-1239.

2-Row Irish potato planter, w/fert. distributor, \$400; Irish potato sizer, \$200; 3 pt. hitch, "Poe Hoe" back hoe, \$350; 3 pt. ditching machine, \$200. E. J. Johnson, Bunkie; (318) 346-6789.

10' Bush hog, very good cond., model 2510, 4 yrs., didn't cut very much, in shed, 3 pt. hook-up, \$2500. Terry Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0962 or (337) 363-3893.

Ford 8N, \$2200; Ford 9N, \$2000; Oliver diesel, wide front, 50 hp, \$2200; bush hog, heavy-duty, \$275. Lurry LaBorde, Mansura; (318) 563-4931 or (318) 359-8587.

Oliver 1850 LPG, 95 hp, 540 PTO ext. hydraulics, 9' Walton push blade, ready to work, w/o blade, \$2000; w/blade, \$2900. Joey Andrews, DeRidder; (337) 328-8119.

Powell 12MX planter, all gears & plates, \$200; planter & fert. distributor, fits Int. trac., \$250. Leroy Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2770.

1066 Int., dual PTO, \$4800; 1256 Int., dual PTO, \$3000; Int. B414 diesel, \$2500; Case backhoe, doesn't move, \$2500; 15' hose shredder, \$1000. Rimes LaBorde, Jr., Westwego; (504) 431-8074 or (504) 430-4642.

653 JD row head, for milo or soybeans, in shed, good shape, \$3000; JD 4020 L.P., \$4000. Andrew Powell, DeRidder; (337) 463-6074.

JD 350B crawler, fully enclosed,

new rear brakes, new overhauled engine, gas, 3 cyl., \$10,500. Ralph Polson, Jr., Pitkin; (318) 358-3176.

JD Hammermill on wheels, PTO driven, \$650. George Gremillion, Bunkie; (318) 346-7354.

Ford 1300, 2 wd diesel trac., 16 hp, 730 hr. 3 pt. hitch, 540 PTO, excel. cond., \$2900. Mark Bordelon, Moreauville; (318) 729-6418.

JD 6500, 66 hp, w/12 spd. Syncro-plus trans, cab, air & radio, new rear tires, 5000 hrs., used only in hay field, extra clean, excel. cond., \$19,500; Kuhn 600, 8' hay cutter, used 2 seasons, very clean, excel. cond., \$4800. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

Super major engine & parts, 55 hp, diesel, new rebuilt, new front tires, rebuilt injectors, rebuilt fuel pump, mains, rod barrens & oil pump, sleeve & pistons, \$1500. Hubert Savoy, Rayne; (337) 334-2968.

Ford 4000 diesel trac., 8 speed, p/s, 52 PTO hp, \$5500; Ford 3000 diesel trac., 8 spd., p/s, 40 PTO hp, \$4900. T.J. Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

6-row Barrentine harrow, 3 pt. hitch, good cond., \$200; 6-row Chattanooga crop maker cult., good cond., \$425. Michael Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-7718.

530 Case trac., for parts or restore, \$850; IH 300 utility trac., \$850; 4' grader blade, \$185; dirt scoop, \$160. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

JD 830 diesel trac., 6' disc, 6' bush hog, all in very good cond., \$6650; trac. only, \$5500. Gary Williams, Franklinton; (985) 848-7070.

Farmall trac., w/belly mower, needs a little work, \$700. Sherman Carriere, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-3170.

12' Aerway aerator, excel. cond., \$4500. Ashton Guilbeaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-9926.

(2) JD Cat 3 quick hitches, \$200/1; pallet forks, \$200; JD 8820, Titan II upper & lower sieves, \$200/both; MM power unit drive shaft, \$350; MM HD 800 power unit, \$800; cotton wagons, 32'-36', \$750-\$850/1. Randall Johnson, Rayne; (337) 523-1140.

JD 1520, 20' grain drill, w/markers, like new, 600 acres use, 7 1/2" spacing, \$14,000 nego. Chad LeJeune, Church Point; (337) 684-2135 or (337) 962-7209.

Fahr 2-drum hay cutter, has a broken gear, \$150; NH 7' 10" hay cutter, still works, but very worn, \$250. Allen Blanchard, Arnaudville; (337) 667-7689.

MF 240 diesel trac., 40 hp, \$8500/1; MF 255 diesel trac., 55 hp, \$8000/1. Ernest Webb, Choudrant; (318) 768-2685.

IH 784 trac., diesel, \$4895; Ford 8N, '52 model, \$1800; Land Pride 4' finishing mower, \$450; (3) 3 pt. hayforks, \$300/all; Ford 1710 diesel, w/ROPS, \$4650; MF 245 low hrs., p/s, \$5200; 13' Viber shank, 3 pt. cult., \$350. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

NH 1044 auto bale wagon, 120 bale capacity, good, \$5250; 9' JD, HD blade, \$300; Ford 1500 diesel trac., \$1300; '52 8N Ford trac.,

\$1700; new 5' modern bush hog, \$695. F. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

Cat. D6 dozer, w/winch, good under carriage, runs good, \$13,500. Julius Caraway, Iowa; (337) 588-4269 or (337) 224-8420.

Economy trac., 14 hp Kolher engine, needs work, \$150. J. Caraway, Iowa; (337) 588-4269 or (337) 224-8420.

JD 1010 trac., 4 cyl. gas engine, for parts, good tires, good shape, doesn't run, \$700 obo. Randy Causey, Walker; (225) 235-5121.

IH 464 gas trac., rebuilt trans., new battery, wheel bearings, OK brakes & tires, original manual, was running, cannot start, help gone, bush hog, box blade, \$1000. H. Bacarisse, Sulphur; (337) 527-8282.

Category 2 quick hitch, \$200. Ronald Mayeux, Cottonport; (318) 922-3897.

6' Tiller for trac., excel. cond., used about 10 times, \$1000. Lyn Gill, Lake Charles; (337) 526-8365.

Ford 555 Backhoe, 1 owner, \$10,500; Cat 416 backhoe, \$12,500. Buddy Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806.

JD 4840, 180 hp, cab & air, great cond., \$16,500; W & A 8-row folding roller, like new, \$3600; JD 235 disc, 24', new hyd. cyl., \$3400. Derek Dauzat, Marksville; (318) 253-5386.

Small trac. equip., 3 pt. mount, 4' mower, \$500; 60" wide belly mower, \$500; 3 pt. PTO driven seed & fert. spreader, \$150; 3 pt. tool bar, w/1-row choppers, \$200; 5' box blade, \$250; 3 pt. mount rack, \$200; 3 pt. mount lift boom, \$100. P. J. St. Romain, Jr., Lake Charles; (337) 477-4003.

Side delivery hay rake, 9', good cond., \$500 obo. Cody Adickes, Jennings; (337) 658-7466.

JD 4230 trac., new clutch, radiator & batteries, good cond., 4 post roll guard, \$13,500; grain cart, 350 bu., \$1500; JD diesel combine, \$2500; JD 3950 silage cutter, 2-row, excel. cond., \$2500. Carrol Lavergne, Opelousas; (337) 942-7238.

Old horse drawn plows, (2) are over 100 yrs., \$200/1. S. R. Fontenot, Iowa; (337) 582-6179.

640 Ford trac., runs perfect, good rubber, rebuilt lift, new paint, new 6' box blade, \$3800; 9N, new paint, w/middle buster, \$1950. Jimmy Pitre, West Monroe; (318) 322-6348.

Ford 8N trac., runs good, \$2000. Clyde Doyle, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7071.

469 NH haybine mower/conditioner, 9' 3" cut, great cond., had \$2400 work done last yr., changed both rollers & bearings, asking \$1000 firm. Cliff Myers, Youngsville; (337) 856-6992 or (337) 654-6599.

1156 Vermeer stump grinder, 48", 4-way, 24" depth, 65 hp, kept in shed, extra set of blades & belts, \$4500. Lloyd Richard, Vinton; (337) 589-7680.

Early '60s model Ford 4 cyl. diesel trac., w/bush hog & blade, \$3250. Buddy Eznack, Ball; (318) 640-0847.

JD 350 dozer, 2-way blade, gas

motor, w/winch, good motor & trans, for parts, \$3000 obo, cash. Don Thornton, Robert; (985) 429-1526.

1991 JD 535 baler, new baling belts, baletrac monitor, auto dbl. twine, good baler, puts up good bale, \$7000. Will or Billy Andrews, Clinton; (225) 683-8550.

Red Farmall cub, w/Woods mower, 12-volt, new paint, \$1350; Ford Golden Jubilee, runs & looks good, \$2100; Kubota L1500, runs, needs trans work, \$500. T. Herrington, Kentwood; (985) 229-5156.

Vermeer 605G baler, open throat, good shape, field ready, \$4500. Nelson Richard, Rayne; (337) 334-4138.

MF 3-bell breaking plow, \$150; MF seven tooth chisel plow, \$150. Shot Watson, Amite; (985) 748-7065.

Case David Brown 1210, 65 hp diesel, 3 pt. hitch, hyd. remote outlet, metal canopy, runs great, \$2500. Ben Dupre, Opelousas; (337) 879-2822.

Ford 700 trac., gas engine, 45 hp, \$2000. Donald Meyers, Perry; (337) 898-1572.

Dozer blade for 50-80 hp trac., EZ-off & on, \$750; excavator bucket, 60", sidecutters, teeth, never used, \$850. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

JD 510 baler, good shape, will bale hay, hyd. tie, belts & hose in good shape, make 5x5 rolls, have repair manuals, \$1400. F. J. Bissell, Jr., Converse; (318) 872-1280.

Mitsubishi 3 cyl. diesel trac., 4 wd, 750 hrs., 9 spd., 3 PTO spd., \$4900; Ford 2000 diesel trac., 31 PTO hp, 8 spd., very good cond., \$4500. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

(2) NH haybines, model 479, for salvage, \$100/1; Int.140 low wheel trac., good running cond., \$2650; Int.140 2-row trac., \$2600; 1-row sweet potato diviner, \$150. Robert Ortego, Washington; (337) 826-5245.

Wanted: JD 5220 or 5210 MFW, 4 wd, trac., w/front-end loader, canopy, low hrs., like new. Robert LeMaster, Summit, MS; (601) 684-4540.

Wanted: 3 pt. post hole digger, w/auger. Keith Dupuis, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6588.

Wanted: row hippie. Stuart Burris, Frierson; (318) 797-0239.

Wanted: (2) trac. tires, 14-9-28, or a little smaller. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

Wanted: Farmall Super AV, 140 or other high crop trac., w/front & rear frames, w/fert. & planter, runs well. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

Wanted: grader blade, JD model 155. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

Wanted: Simplicity trac., in good running cond., w/some tools. Clay Boudreaux, Gray; (985) 879-2386.

Wanted: 450 Case dozers, in any shape, whole or in parts. P.R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-3518.

Wanted: manure spreader, in good cond., trac. type or pulled by ATV. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1974 1 1/2-ton Chevy 292 engine, 4 yd. lift bed, 4'x16' metal bed, \$2500. Nelson Richard, Rayne; (337) 334-4138.

1997 GMC Z-71, 4 wd, less than 63,000 miles, all power accessories, fiberglass cap, Rhino sprayed bed liner, trailer package, gooseneck hitch, like new, excel. cond., \$14,000. Bernard Humphries, Baker; (225) 774-3919.

Truck rack, fits Ford F-150 extended cab, 6'9" bed, \$300. Brett Kreamer, Marrero; (504) 450-4429.

1994 Z-71 extended cab, excel. cond., sprayed in bed liner, tool box, towing hitch, new ac, good tires, (1) owner, \$6300 nego. Cedric Rabalais, Cottonport; (318) 964-2971.

1983 Dodge 350, 1-ton, cab & chassis, w/gooseneck ball, elec. brakes, 318, 4 spd., \$1350 obo. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

1992 Ford F-250 club cab 351 gas, 5 spd. trans, good cond., no rust, ready to work, \$3000; '92 Ford F-350 diesel, 7.3 diesel, p/w, ac, auto door locks, good cond., no rust, ready to work, \$4800. Joey Andrews, DeRidder; (337) 328-8119.

2001 F-150 crew cab, Lariat, 4x4, 90K miles, book value is \$24,250, sacrifice, \$18,900, will take trade. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806.

1999 Ford F-350 dully crew cab, ac, windows, locks, 83,000 miles, excel. cond., gooseneck hookup, \$17,250. Bill Fuller, Kinder; (337) 738-2522 or (337) 224-4560.

1997 S-10 Chevy ext. cab, excel. cond., new tires, timing chain, good truck, new head & alternator, \$3300; '02 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 40,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$13,900. Marlin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

1991 Ford F-700 diesel winch truck, w/gin poles & rolling tail board, 6 spd., 112,000 miles, \$8900; 411 ring & pinion, to fit late model Chevy, \$100. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

Mitsubishi or Dodge D-50, for parts, engine trans. & differential, \$150; Ford 1-ton van differential, \$100; IH Loadstar 1800 front axle & steering box, \$100. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

1927 Ford truck to be restored, (2) motors, extra parts, \$2000. H. J. Trahan, Jennings; (337) 824-1771.

Alum. headache rack for 18-wheeler, w/chain tool compartment, \$400. Ronald Mayeux, Cottonport; (318) 922-3897.

2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, 29K miles, \$16,900; '01 F-150 4x4, crew cab, Lariat, \$15,900. William Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

2-Wheel sulkies, \$375. Homer Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-3522.

2-Horse WW trailer, needs work, \$400; slide-in overhead camper sleeps 4, \$600. Buddy Eznack, Ball; (318) 640-0847.

2-Horse slant factory trailer, w/full living quarters, \$7000 nego. Sherman Carrier, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-3170.

16' Livestock trailer, WW brand, gooseneck type, metal cover, front storage compartment, side escape door, like new, \$3500. Ashton Guilbeaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-9926.

16' Stock trailer, \$1650. Robert Ortego, Washington; (337) 826-5245.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, excel. for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

HD gooseneck dovetail equip. trailer, 28' plus 4' dovetail, w/folding ramps, dual tandem axles, rated for 24,000 lbs., \$2995. Otis Alford, Kentwood; oalford@bellsouth.net or (985) 229-8298.

Custom built 25' trailer, fold over ramps, (2) 10,000 lb. axles, gooseneck, tire size 17.5, 14 ply, (2) 10,000 jacks, \$8500. Ralph Polson, Jr., Pitkin; (318) 358-3176.

6'x8' Farm trailer, made from LWB Ford pickup, \$50. M. J. Montagnino, Zachary; (225) 654-2473.

24' Gooseneck flatbed, (3) axle, dovetail & ramps, \$1500. Brent Gueho, St. Gabriel; (225) 642-9898.

1984 Hillsboro gooseneck cattle trailer, alum. body, steel frame, 7'x20' inside, (2) 8000 lb. axles, 10 ply tires, new lights, good cond., storage compartment in nose, \$3000. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Horse-drawn buggy, single & dbl., (2) seater, brakes, shocks, tires, good cond., paid, \$750, asking, \$500. Jim Theus; (318) 445-4453.

1997 Fontaine 8'x48' spread axle flatbed, (2) toolboxes, 22.5 wheels, trailer in great shape, \$7000. Glenn Nugent, Columbia; (318) 649-6455.

Dbl. axle animal trailer, 5'x8', excel. for hogs or sheep, home-made, \$500. James LaCombe, Iota; (337) 779-2584.

1986 Gooseneck cattle trailer, 6'x24', w/elec. brakes, fair cond., \$2250. Joey Andrews, DeRidder; (337) 328-8119.

Amish-built 3-seater carriage, hyd. brakes, will seat (6) adults comfortably, blk. w/red fringe on top, horse size harness, \$2500. Jennifer Robinette, Alexandria; (318) 640-6691.

1991 Sundowner, all alum. 3-horse slant, w/camper package, gas/elec. refrigerator, microwave, new ac unit, extras, \$18,000. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

24' Brutus trailer, metal top, triple axles, (2) w/elec. brakes, '96

model, \$3700 or trade for young cows. Carol Duhon, Lacassine; (337) 588-4012.

2-Horse bumper-pull, ramp, brakes, (4) like new tires, dressing room, side escape doors, rubber mats, great shape, \$1800. Eddie Mullen, Denham Springs; (225) 667-3502 or (225) 445-3577.

16' pull-type cattle trailer, \$650. Robert Ortego, Washington; (337) 826-5245.

16' Gooseneck cattle trailer, approx. 5 yrs., excel. cond., \$2000. Ricky Keller, Gheens; (985) 532-2803 or (985) 805-0275.

Cotton trailer, 40'x8'x8', good cond., \$475; (2) 24'x6'x8' cotton trailer, real good cond., \$425/1; 1000-gal. A.A. tank & trailer, \$395. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-6265.

2001 Keifer 3-horse slant, w/weekend package, ac/heat, shower, storage, gas/elec. & holding tanks, drop down windows/bars, w/collapsible rear tack, \$18,500. Candy Robichaux, Raceland; (985) 855-4595.

CM, 3-horse slant load, bumper bull, walk-in tack, \$2300. Pat Burmaster, Folsom; (985) 796-5123.

(3) JD Silage wagons, excel. for green chop, \$800. Carrol Lavergne, Opelousas; (337) 942-7238.

3-Horse slant trailer, w/sleeping quarters, 28' long, \$3000; iron wheel wagon, \$500; rubber tire wagon, \$500. Donald Meyers, Perry; (337) 898-1572.

Metal grain hopper, 4'x4'x6', excel. cond., double axle, canvas top, bumper pull, \$1200. Joseph Luquette, Gonzales; (800) 471-4210.

Miniature horse, 4-wheel wagon, \$500. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarm.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, or (225) 658-9293.

Wanted: 2/3-horse slant bumper pull, w/drop down windows & rear tack, fairly new. Ashley Jenkins, Clinton; (225) 683-4225 or (225) 719-2075.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Mini harnesses & saddles, \$160. Homer Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-3522.

New set Draft parade harnesses, 29" collar, \$1100. Buddy Eznack, Ball; (318) 640-0847.

50-gal. rd. saddle tank, \$500; 500-gal. fuel tank on skids, w/service station type pump, \$400. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$90/1-up; custom-made motorized cutters, \$450/1-up, advanced deposit required. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5'x12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 3 1/2", 95¢/ft.; 7" cas-

ing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Several hundred 3/4" sucker rods, \$8/1, at farm; \$9, del. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

New galv. corral panels, 5'x10', \$40; 40' rd. pens, \$575; 50', \$675; 60', \$775, all w/6' ride-through gate. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-6610.

3'x7' Drag harrow, built w/2 3/8" pipe, 5" teeth on bottom, built on 3 pt. hitch, good for rd. pens & arenas, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

3 Phase elec. motors, 20-75 hp, \$5/per hp; 5 hp Honda 2" water pump, w/suction & discharge hoses, \$400; portable engine hoist, 2 spd. ram & extendable boom, \$200; 200 amp Lincoln welder, w/200' leads, \$2500. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

200 amp Lincoln welding machine, w/leads on trailer, \$1800. Sherman Carriere, Breau Bridge; (337) 332-3170.

"I" Beams, 41'6" long x 14" wide, 2'7" high, (2) \$600; concrete culvert, 8'x24", (2) \$200; steel culvert, 13'6" long, 8' diameter, \$200. Robby McGrew, West Monroe; (318) 398-9895.

8' Cattle wooden self feeder, on skids, never used, \$675. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

Roping saddles, Hereford, Simco, Circle Y, excel. cond., \$375/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

English all-purpose saddle, never used, \$150; Antares 17" jump, grain leather, \$2600. Leanna Meaux, New

Orleans; (504) 283-8105.

Heartwood comm., portable band saw, 2-way cut, 6" dbl. edged blade, 80 hp Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., portable diesel mill, \$29,500. Herbert M. LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Fuel tanks, 6' long x 5' diameter, \$100; 8' long x 3 1/2' diameter, \$85; hyd.cyl., \$20; used disc, \$5/1; sawmill, Accutrac, MP-30, extra blades & tools, cuts 13' 8" x 30" diameter, \$5250. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

8' Wheel windmill, 40' tower, ready to be put up, will load, \$1500. H. J. Trahan, Jennings; (337) 824-1771.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' rd. pen, \$775; all include 4' bow gate; calf feeder, metal, off ground, bucket holders, holds 5 calves, needs work, but useable, \$100. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Lincoln arc welder, w/Kohler engine on trailer, toolbox & vise, excel. shape, \$1250, cash only. Webb Harelson, Sunshine; (225) 642-8238.

Sausage stuffer, cast iron, like new, \$225. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375 or (225) 625-4580.

Grain bin, 6500 bu, good cond., \$4500. Wayne Gremillion, Mansura; (318) 253-8790.

Heavy-duty pipe barbecue pit, \$200; Rayne Grain, complete auger flight, 16', w/3/8" threads & pipe, \$350; alum. crawfish pot, w/stainless steel basket, holds (2) sacks of crawfish, \$325. Ronald Mayeux, Cottonport; (318) 922-3897.

New panels, 8'-16', \$45/1-up;

new gates, 4'-16', \$37.5/1-up; 4' walk-through gate, \$59; 6' walk-through gate, \$68; auto load gates, \$350. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

New Priefert squeeze chute, \$1575; with trailer, \$2000, 8' Apache creep feeder, 150 bushel, new, \$1750; hay fork, \$250; hay pick, \$200; hay rings, \$105. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Homemade hayrack, w/or w/o feed trough for horse stalls, \$75/1-up. Ralph Marks, Marksville; (318) 253-6943.

16 Hp gas compressor, twin cyl. Kohler engine, like new, \$800 firm; Souix valve grinder machine, \$150. Gary Clement, Covington; (985) 893-4105.

Hydraulic 6-horse walker, newly built, various speeds, forward & reverse, \$3000. Bennett Guilbeau, Carencro; (337) 896-6021.

General purpose fence, 47" high, 200', \$40. Greg Hillman, Pitkin; (318) 358-5266.

2 3/8" Tubing, 74¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 87¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, \$1.75/ft., larger sizes also avail. Terry Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

Vertical stone grist mill, sits upon 4-posts, \$1200; small forge, w/Ranchet blower, \$250. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

35LR1 Katolight PTO generator, excel. cond., \$2000 or trade for cattle; 55LR1 Katolight PTO generator, excel. cond., \$3000, or trade for cattle. Perry Murray, Marion; (318) 292-4458.

1" Hemp rope, 1230', 25¢/ft.; 2'4" x 10' blade, \$350. Doug Heard, DeRidder; (337) 462-3449.

Motorola radios, 430 mg.,

radius & Maxtrac, base, walkie-talkies, mobiles, \$300/1 obo. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

Like new silver show saddle, 16" Longhorn custom made, dark leather, lots of silver, \$2500. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

3 1/2" Water pump, \$550; Tenant street sweeper, \$1900 or trade; Yamaha Big Bear 4-wheeler, \$2250; Suzuki 125 & trailer, \$1250. Buddy Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806

Small children's saddles, \$50; adult saddle, \$100. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

Semen tank, MVE 33/26, V8 189/4, \$600. Paul Miller, Lacassine; (337) 588-4362.

Brand new tack, leather English chaps, \$40; wall-mount saddle rack, \$10; English saddle cushion, blk., \$5; Australian saddle blanket, \$10. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Tree Lounger, used once, like new, few extras that go w/it, \$200. Marvin LaFleur, Lake Charles; (337) 582-6724.

Galvanized sq. tubing, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4", 91¢/ft.; 2 1/2" x 2 1/2", \$1/ft.; 2"x3", 95¢/ft.; 7/8" x 7/8", 30¢/ft. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; (985) 514-0722.

17 ga. 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" blk. tubing, 26¢/ft.; 1" sch 40 blk. pipe, 38¢/ft.; 2 3/8" drill stem, \$23/1; 2 7/8" drill stem, \$27/1. E. H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

1000-Gal. diesel fuel tank, on skids, w/elec. pump, good cond., \$600. Ronald Sharp, Covington;

(985) 892-1551.

Wanted: rd. bale hay ring, good cond., prefer within 25 miles of Covington-Folsom area. John Spaar, Covington; (985) 892-5104.

Wanted: used 36" corrugated pipe for driveway. A. R. Bordelon, Ville Platte; (337) 351-1129.

Wanted: tilt table for sheep. Allie Johnson, Simpson; (337) 383-7777.

FROM THE FARM

Gourmet popcorn rice, 2 lb. bags, \$3/1; 5 lb. bags, \$5.5/1. Hampton Campbell, Gueydan; www.campbellfarms.com, (337) 536-7052.

Wanted: old gristmill or millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com, (334) 289-8906.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

The Crowley Chamber of Commerce will host the first Rice Capital Championship Gumbo Cook-Off Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Acadia Parish Rice Arena, 159 Cherokee Road, Crowley. It will feature amateur and professional cooking contests with seafood and non-seafood categories. There will be arts crafts, live music and much more. For more information, contact the Crowley Chamber of Commerce at (337) 788-0177.

You want me to eat what? — Legends come with traditional New Year's Day foods

Black-eyed peas. Cabbage. Greens. Ham. Cornbread.

Sneak into most Southern homes on New Year's Day and you will find families eating some or all of these foods.

They are believed to bring good luck, prosperity, good health and even fertility, but it's hard to find just one story about how these common Southern foods became holiday traditions.

Here are a few legends we found on the Internet:

♦"Back in the days of the Wild West, Southern gentility and Northern hostility, our celebrated black-eyed peas were used strictly for the feeding of cattle in the South. During the Civil War Battle of Vicksburg, the town was under siege for 40 days. No supplies went in and none came out. The entire town was on the brink of starvation, so they ate those humble 'cowpeas' thus starting a Southern tradition."

♦"All the way back to the days of Pharaohs, black-eyed peas have been a symbol of luck and fortune. The superstition is that those who eat blackeyes, an inexpensive and modest food, show their humility and save themselves from the wrath of the heavens because of the vanity they might have."

♦"Grandma always made a pot of beans and greens to insure prosperity for the New Year. Her explanation? Beans signify coins and greens represent currency. We cook up a bunch each year and haven't gone broke yet!"

♦"My mother always told me that the origin of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day started during the Civil War. The Northern soldiers raided the South's food supplies one New Year's Eve night and took all of the food except for the dried black-eyed peas and salted pork. On New Year's Day, all that the Southern soldiers had to eat were peas and pork to keep them alive. So, it is considered good luck to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's because of this event."

♦"It is said that black-eyed peas swell up when cooked, so they are a symbol of fruitfulness."

♦"I can answer the question with information passed down from my dad, born in 1899 on a small farm in central Arkansas. Much of the population in the last half of the 1800s lived on small farms where the well being of the family was closely tied to their skill as gardeners, which was done without the aid of fertilizers, hybrids or insecticides. Black-eyed peas were a common crop. Since they stored well as dried peas, they could

provide the family with a good food source for many months. Southern peas are a legume that uses symbiotic bacteria to supply itself with nitrogen, so a good crop could be had on relatively infertile soils. Even better, in many soils of the Southeast the

nitrogen fixed by the bacteria persisted into the following year, leading to better crops of any kind. Now for the good luck. Those families that had planted so much of their land in peas that they were still eating them at the New Year had by doing so enriched

their soil with nitrogen that would lead to better crops in the following year. The scenario repeated itself enough until people began to associate peas on New Year's Day as a sign of good luck to follow, and a superstition was born."



Christmas Memories

"It was Dec. 7, 1941, the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and my family was coming back to our home near Colquitt in Claiborne Parish from El Dorado, Ark. As we came over the hill, we saw a huge blaze and it was our house on fire. My momma had already bought the Christmas presents and had things ready for the holidays, so she had to start all over again. That event proved to me that Christmas is really about family and being together for the holidays. It's a time to come home and visit the ones you love."

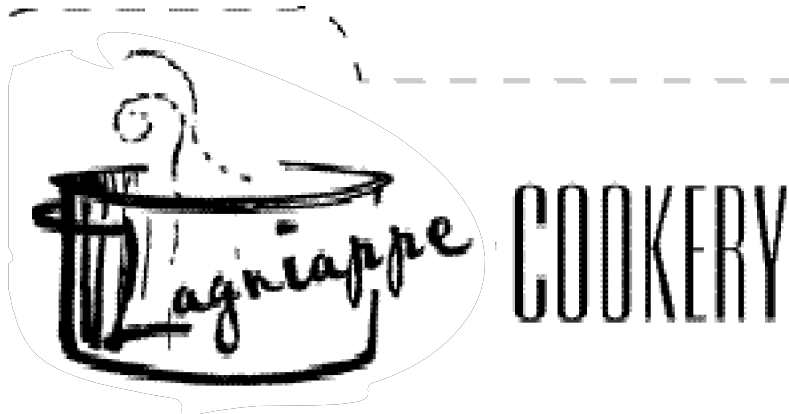
**-Bob Odom, Commissioner
Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry**

"My most memorable Christmas was at Aunt Bonnie's. The whole family would gather there for the holiday. Aunt Bonnie always had three huge Christmas trees decorated. The tree in the living room was for the gifts Santa had brought. Santa Claus always came to aunt Bonnie's and he would sit us on his lap. We would tell Santa our wish and he would get our gift from under that big tree. It was so breathtaking to see what Santa had brought. That Christmas my cousin and I got identical Cabbage Patch dolls. That was 16 years ago."

-Steve Ann Perez, Plattenville

"Christmas Eve. A ride in the old corn cart pulled by the old John Deere. We would go way out into the field. All of us bundled up against the frosty cold. Laughing and singing carols. The night sky filled with a million stars shining like diamonds. Then there we would have a bonfire. Just us and the beautiful heavens above. I believe that there could never be anything that can compare to the joy and true meaning of the season. Family togetherness and lots of love."

-Bonnie Cano, Napoleonville



Ring in the New Year with fine Foods

Spicy Black-Eyed Peas

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| 1 lb. fresh shelled black-eyed peas | 1 tsp salt |
| 1/2 cup water | 1 tsp ground cumin |
| 3 slices bacon | 1 tsp dry mustard |
| 1 (16 oz.) can whole tomatoes, undrained & chopped | 1/2 tsp curry powder |
| 1 cup chopped onion | 1/2 tsp chili powder |
| 1 large green pepper, chopped | 1/2 tsp pepper |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | Chopped fresh parsley |

Cabbage Casserole

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| 1-2 heads cabbage | 3 tsps pepper |
| 1/2 cup butter | dash nutmeg |
| 1/2 cup flour | 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated |
| 2 cups milk | 1 cup bread crumbs |
| 1/2 tsp salt | |

Cook cabbage until done. Place in bottom of casserole dish. Melt butter, and add flour and cook for 1 minute. Gradually add milk, on medium heat, stir until thick and bubbly. Add salt, pepper and nutmeg. Turn off heat and add cheese. Pour over cabbage and cover with bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Mexican Cabbage

- 1 large head of cabbage
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- 8 slices bacon
- 2 cups of Season's Blend vegetable mix

Brown bacon in large boiler, remove and set aside. Put Season's Blend in bacon drippings and cook until clear. Cut cabbage into strips one inch wide. Add tomatoes and stir. Cook cabbage until clear. If you have a large cabbage you may need to add 1 1/2 cans of water. Add bacon to cabbage and turn several times. Do not over cook.

Glazed Ham Sweet Potatoes

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| 1 1/4 lb. sliced ham steak | cane syrup |
| 1 (16 oz.) can sliced peaches, drained | 2 tsps apricot jam |
| 1 (16 oz.) can sweet potatoes, drained | 1 tsp Dijon style mustard |

Preheat broiler, position oven rack about 4 inches from heat source. Place ham in shallow pan. Surround with peaches and sweet potatoes, drizzle peaches and sweet potatoes with small amount of cane syrup. Broil 5 minutes or until light brown. Meanwhile, heat jam and mustard until blended. Turn ham, peaches and sweet potatoes over, brush ham with jam mixture. Drizzle peaches and sweet potatoes with additional cane syrup. Continue broiling 5 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

Spicy Black-Eyed Peas (part 2)

Combine peas and water. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes or until peas are almost tender. Drain and set aside. Stir peas and remaining ingredients except parsley, into bacon drippings in skillet. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour mixture into a serving dish; sprinkle with bacon and parsley. Yields 6 servings. Note: One (17 oz.) can or 1 (16 oz.) package frozen black-eyed peas, drained, may be substituted for fresh. Do not cook canned or frozen peas before adding them to the recipe.

Black-Eyed Pea Salsa

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| 16 oz. black-eyed peas, drained | 1 tbsp olive oil |
| 2 tomatoes, chopped | 1-2 tsps garlic cloves, minced |
| 1 bunch green onions, sliced | 1/2 tsp salt |
| 1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro | 3 tsps fresh lime juice |
| 10 oz. can Rotel tomatoes, partially drained | red pepper to taste |
| | leaf lettuce |

Place peas in colander, rinse with cold water, drain. Combine tomatoes and remaining ingredients except lettuce in a medium bowl. Stir in peas. Cover and refrigerate at least four hours. Place in a lettuce lined compote or bowl. Serve with tortilla chips.

After Christmas Turkey Divan

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| 2 packages frozen broccoli | 1 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup |
| 1/4 cup chopped onion | 1/4 cup dry white Louisiana wine |
| 1 lb. or more sliced turkey | 3/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese |
| 1/2 stick butter | |

Cook broccoli according to directions; drain. Heat butter and sauté onions until tender. Place broccoli spears in shallow greased casserole. Arrange turkey over broccoli. Combine onions, butter, soup and cheese. Stir in wine, pour over turkey and broccoli. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes until heated through and slightly brown on top. Serves 6.

Coming Your Way

AgOutlook in Jan.

The 2004 AgOutlook Conference is scheduled for Jan. 15, 2004, at the Holiday Inn Suites and Conference Center in Monroe.

The theme of the conference is "Agriculture for the Future." Presentation topics include payment limitations, international trade, commodity outlooks, alternative land uses and precision agriculture.

The conference will lead up to the opening of the 2004 Ag Expo held annually in Monroe.

Registration for AgOutlook is free, but advanced registration is required. The conference is sponsored by the LSU AgCenter, North Louisiana Agri-Business Council, Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Louisiana Cattlemen's Association and Bayer Crop Science.

For more information or to register, visit the conference Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com/2004agoutlook/.

Events at Liberty

The Jambalaya Band and the City of Eunice are sponsoring two upcoming events at the Liberty Theater.

Saturday, Dec. 27, is the fourth annual "Tribute to Hank Williams, Sr." at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, reserved seating only.

Saturday, Jan. 3, is the third annual "Old Tyme Country at the Liberty," a salute to traditional country music featuring steel guitarist Don Helms of the Hank Williams, Sr., band. Shows are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

For more information, call (337) 457-7389 or email eunicela@hotmail.com.

Clemson to offer forestry course

The 2004 Master Tree Farmer short course will be broadcast live from Clemson University on Tuesday evenings from Feb. 3 until March 16. The three-hour classes begin at 6 p.m.

Broadcast host sites in Louisiana include Louisiana Technical College locations in Alexandria, Many, Oakdale, Winnfield and Jackson. It will also be broadcast at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge and at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. Two sites in Shreveport and Baton Rouge will carry the broadcast on a tape-delayed basis.

Topics for the seven sessions include managing a forest site; forest economics, taxes and estate planning; managing pine species; and managing hardwood stands.

For more information, contact Mike Dunn at (225) 578-0344 or visit the Web site at www.mastertreefarmer.net.



News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

Thieves take tops of 20,000 Minn. trees

In a case of the Grinch meets Paul Bunyan, the tops of up to 20,000 black spruce trees were stolen last month from an 18-acre tract of state land 40 miles north of Hibbing, Minnesota.

Minnesota forestry officials suspect that they will be sold as 4-foot tabletop Christmas trees in New York and Chicago. No arrests have been made, but the investigation is intensifying.

"They're nothing more than thieves, is what they are," said Brian Buria, a conservation officer for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in Bigfork. "This was not a mistake."

Authorities say the tree rustlers probably took more than a week to remove several truckloads of spruce tops. Gone are between 10,000 and 20,000 treetops, valued at up to \$80,000.

The thieves spared a 50-foot-wide buffer of trees so anyone driving on Hwy. 65 wouldn't notice anything awry.

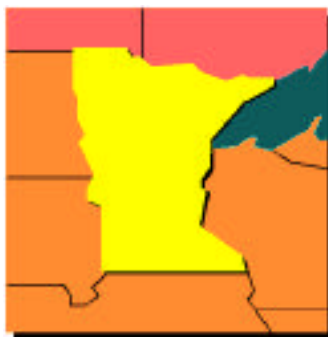
The state forest is in the southeastern corner of Koochiching County just south of the map dot known as Rauch.

On November 18, logger Richard Manick noticed a dark-colored Dodge Dakota pickup truck pulling out of the woods hauling a covered white trailer about 8 feet wide and 16 to 20 feet long.

"He thought they might be stranded in there, but they said they weren't having any problems," said Larry Olson, a DNR forestry supervisor from Hibbing. "He figured they were deer hunters and didn't bother getting a license plate. But he was a little suspicious and followed their tracks and found all these spruce trees missing."

The stolen treetops were about 1 inch in diameter and 3 feet to 6 feet tall, clipped or sawed from 16-foot trees and hauled off in bundles. Investigators are checking with Christmas tree wholesalers in the Twin Cities area and St. Cloud.

"These tabletop Christmas trees are shipped all over the country



and sold in New York and Chicago," Buria said. "There has got to be a main distributor, so there should be a paper trail."

Buria said bottled water from Buhl was found at the scene, leading investigators to

consider possible suspects in the Iron Range town about 40 miles south of the ravaged forest. He said a woman with a car was also seen in the area, and the trailer had been in the woods for weeks. At least three people are believed to have been involved. If caught, the thieves could face felony theft and trespassing charges.

"We've had the occasional trespass, but nothing like this in my career," said Olson, who has worked in DNR's Hibbing office since 1969.

Buria said the closest cabin to the crime scene was occupied by off-duty St. Paul police officers, "who didn't have a clue and figured the

activity in the woods was deer hunters setting up a stand."

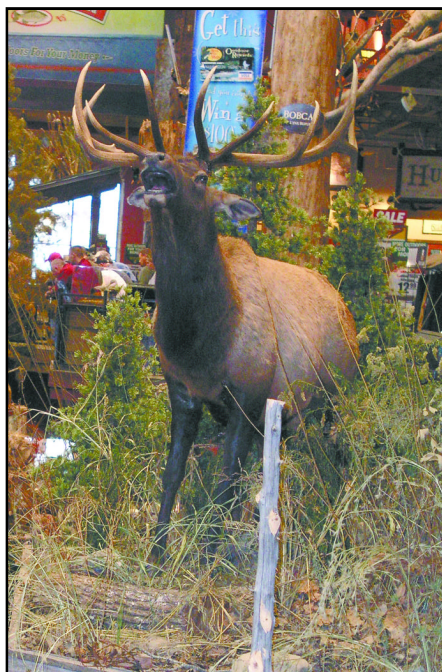
The trees were part of a state plantation, seeded from the air 10 years ago, according to DNR spokeswoman Jean Goad in Grand Rapids. She said the trees eventually would have been auctioned to commercial foresters and probably used as pulp at paper mills.

The proceeds of those state timber sales go to a school trust fund, a deal cut in Minnesota's early days to earmark timber profits to help finance education. She said what's left of the trees now resembles bushes and has little commercial value.

"Ten years of work down the tubes," Buria said. "I wonder how many other state tree plantations have been hit because these people have gone unchecked for years."

He said he's heard reports of bough pickers earning up to \$20,000 a year removing pine branches for wreaths.

"These people bounce around and you can't nail them because they up and move every few months, so it's hard to find them," Buria said.



Shoestring DuBois, continued from page 12

"First, you have to keep them (the lures) in line with the others but make them a little different. And when you come up with a name, you want one that people will remember," he said.

For instance, the Topknocker has a picture of a woodpecker on the packaging. DuBois called it the bait with an attitude, sort of like Woody Woodpecker of cartoon fame.

"I was testing a prototype of the Topknocker, which wasn't named at the time, on a hot, summer day and I caught a real nice bass on the Amite River. I was standing by a tall pine tree and heard a woodpecker knocking way up in the tree. That woodpecker helped inspire the name of the lure, the Topknocker, and the design of its packaging."

Wording on the "Topknocker" packaging is also a classic example of the marketing copywriters' art. It reaches out and grabs the fisherman with just the right fish buzzwords:

- ♦ "Creates a huge racket with every little twitch!"
- ♦ Extra noisy sound chamber calls bass in from far away.
- ♦ Great for twitchin' in place or "walkin' the dog."
- ♦ Reflective hologram finish for extra flash and attraction!
- ♦ Supersharpest VMC hooks hold 'em fast and won't let go!"

Even with all of his success and fame as one of the nation's leading lure designers, DuBois keeps things in perspective without letting the attention go to his head.

"You've got to remember who you are and where you come from. When you get old, it ain't the money in the bank, it's the memories you made."



Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Bossier City opened Nov. 6. The outdoor superstore is one of 20 to open across the country since 1981. As part of the decor, the company displays many of the world's record big game animals in their showrooms. Seven more stores are planned nationwide, including a 150,000-square-foot version in Denham Springs planned to open in early 2005.



Visit your local farmers market

BIENVILLE PARISH

Gibsland
Gibsland Farmers Market Assoc.
Main Street
Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. until sold out
June - Aug. 30

CADDO PARISH

Shreveport
Festival Plaza Farmers Market
river front at Festival Plaza
Wed. & Sat. 6:30 - 11 a.m.
May 31-July 30
Wed. only Aug. 1-31

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles
Lake Charles Farmers Market
317 Pine Street
Sat. 7:30 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #1
On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez
Parking Garage
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m. May - Sept.
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon Oct. - April
Red Stick Farmers Market #2
8470 Goodwood Blvd.
Unitarian Church Parking Lot
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
May - July, Sept. - Dec.

IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia
Teche Area Farmers Market
Iberia St. & Main St. at Bouligny
Plaza
Tues. 5 - 8 p.m. until Oct. 27
after Oct. 27, 4 - 7 p.m.
Sat. 8 - 11 a.m. mid May - Dec.

LAFAYETTE PARISH

Lafayette
Acadiana Farmers Market
801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
5 - 10 a.m. Jan. - Dec.

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Thibodaux
Thibodaux Main Street Market
La. Hwy. 1 & Maronge St.
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m.
May - Nov.

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah
Tallulah Farmers Market
408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
8 a.m. - noon
June - Nov.

MOREHOUSE PARISH

Bastrop
Morehouse Farmers Market
305 East Madison St.
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
June - Dec.

NATCHITOCHES PARISH

Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank - downtown
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April - Nov.

ORLEANS PARISH

New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market
Locations: #1 - 700 Magazine St.
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.
#2 - Uptown Square, 200
Broadway
Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.
#3 - American Can Co., 3700
Orleans Ave.
Thurs. 3 - 7 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe
Monroe Farmers Market
1212 Washington St.
Mon. - Sat. 5 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June - Oct.

West Monroe

West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ST. CHARLES PARISH

Destrehan
German Coast Farmers Market
13786 River Rd., Ormond
Plantation
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jan. - Dec.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St.,
Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - 11 a.m.
mid May - Nov.

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St. Martinville Creole Farmers
Market
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.
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Covington Farmers Market
City Hall, 609 North Columbia
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Community Market
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Cajun Farmers Market of Houma
- Terrebonne
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St. Francisville Farmers Market
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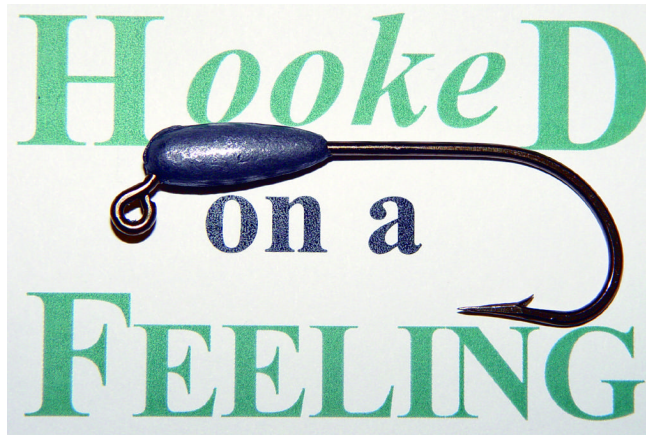
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After a half-century love affair with fishing, the humble plumber from Baker connects with executives of a \$1.4-billion-a-year outdoor sporting goods company and a second career is launched.



Anyone who knows a fisherman has heard stories about “the one that got away” or is familiar with the old saying, “know a fisherman, know a liar.”

But this story is true.

It's about a plumber from Baker who turned his love of fishing into a lure designing business and then had the good fortune to tie in with one of the world's largest outdoor retailers – Bass Pro Shops of Springfield, Mo. He's traveled the country for Bass Pro and has met former President George Bush and other celebrities and politicians.

A self-described simple man, Eugene “Shoestring” DuBois caught his first bass in 1953, about a week after marrying his bride, Leona. Fishing was something he immediately enjoyed, but knew he would have to strike a balance with his new married life and eventually raising a family.

“My family comes first,” DuBois said, bursting with pride over his four children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In his early fishing years, DuBois' favorite spot was Devil's Swamp near Baton Rouge. But that was before, as DuBois put it, “the environment was popular.” The area is heavily polluted now and can't be fished.

He said his tennis shoes were his first boat.

“I had my tennis shoes on my feet, a pocket full of homemade spinner bait, a homemade rod and a patched up second-hand reel. Once I got my work done around the house, I was ready to go fishing,” he recalled.

Later, DuBois and a friend built a boat they shared for fishing. It was while fishing in the boat one day that DuBois had what he calls his first experience with the environment, which has made it easy for him to connect with the conservation-minded and environmentally-conscious Bass Pro Shops.

“I went out fishing alone that morning. I bought a honey bun and chocolate milk, and got to the fishing spot just as the sun was coming up,” DuBois said. “I was watching the cranes and waiting for the fish to bite. There were no phones, no noise. It was peaceful and there was no stress. I couldn't paint a picture that beautiful.

“I finished my snack and drink and threw the trash down in my boat. Later, as the wind changed I saw my trash floating out in the water. I immediately started feeling all the stress and bad things that I try to escape when fishing. I learned a lot about protecting the environment for my children and grandchildren that day. I wanted them to be able to experience the peace that I feel when fishing.”

DuBois shared this story and many others with hundreds of



fishermen from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi at the November grand opening of the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store in Bossier City. He patiently sat at a table in the fishing department as men and women, young and old, stopped by for autographs and fishing tips. As each one left with a signed hat, lure or T-shirt, DuBois would add, “Fishing's a God-given gift, so share it with a friend.”

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His friendship, or partnership, with Bass Pro Shops and its founder Johnny Morris began about 16 years ago. DuBois was designing and making lures for friends and some professional fishermen around the south. Word-of-mouth and a friend from Baton Rouge who worked in sporting goods retail stores helped DuBois' name make its way to Springfield. After Morris and some other Bass Pro execs fished with the lures, they were hooked on DuBois' products.

The company calls DuBois a “lure design consultant,” but DuBois insists he's “not a professional, just a plumber.”

During his tenure with Bass Pro Shops, DuBois has designed many lures including four that are currently sold in the company's stores and catalogs – Shoestring's Topknocker, Shoestring's Whisper Snapper, the Cajun Bubble Craw and the Tornado. He has several others in the works, including a new design that he expects to launch in the spring of 2004.

Designing lures has been a trial and error process for DuBois.

“The first time I worked on one, I was up until 3 or 4 a.m. When I really woke up the next morning, I threw it away,” he said. “I waited four or five years before I tried it again. I'm my own worst critic.”

His first lure was called “The Reel Thing.”

Since then, DuBois said he has learned two important things about fishing lures and marketing.

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DuBois' lure-design genius is that his baits mimic the real thing (top left clockwise). In an aquarium at the

newly opened Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Bossier City, he demonstrates that his Cajun Bubble Craw bait bubbles when he drops it into the water just like a crawfish would do in the wild. An added part of the real-thing design is that his plastic crawfish is impregnated with a crawfish scent. DuBois stays busy designing new baits in his Baker shop. Bass Pro Shops currently sells four of DuBois's baits in its stores and catalogs.

